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Minutes of the March 2010 SFDXA Meeting

The proceedings we called to an order at 7:37 PM by president Ed N4II. Present were 31 persons plus one dog. There were 7 visitors.

After the self introduction, the treasurer, Bruce W4OV delivered his report. Treasury total before meeting was \$2,864.96. The report was accepted upon due motion.

There were no minutes of the previous meeting.

Committee reports followed.

Station: Pete reported that the Icom 765 Pro III and the antenna are working properly. ST K4FK has 270 worked and 203 confirmed. A sticker showing 200 credited at the ARRL has been received.

Repeater: Elliot, KB2TZ reported that the repeater is also working FB.

Membership: Hope, WA3ANE reports that we have ^{one} ~~two~~ new applications for membership, ~~one~~ from Kai, KE4PT, who was later voted in as a full member. We also have an application from John W4OWJ, who is 94 y/o and did not make the meeting.

^{2 meter -} Net Committee: Irvin N4IEW reports that we need volunteers to help on the weekly 2 meter net. Additional NCS are needed to alternate in the control of the net.

Web Page Committee: Norm, W4QN reports that he needs DXCC scores, 5 band DXCC bands for the Challenge. Norm asks members to update their totals. There is a form that can be downloaded from the web page, filled out and uploaded. Some members are working for DXCC Marathon, they can report totals for the page. Norm would like to make a presentation of Club activities on-line. Archives would be updated with old pictures. Norm also asks for comments from members on the page, i.e., how can it be improved.

Announcements: Ray, N4RU reports that there is a new ham store in Boca Raton, owned by Marks, WA4AAS.

The DX hug award will be presented at the May meeting by current holder W4DN.


The past president Ray, N4RU was presented with a plaque in appreciation for his 3 years at the helm of the Association.

There were no new business and no old business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM, when we proceeded to view a video of the 2009 Desecheo DXpedition.

The secretary wants to thank Bruce, W4OV for his help in preparing this minute.

Respectfully submitted.



W4DN

Minutes of the May 5, 2010 SFDXA Meeting

The proceedings we called to an order at 7:35 PM by president Ed N4II.

All present members and visitors introduced themselves.

The minutes were read by the Secretary, and after two minor amendments were accepted.

Treasury: total general fund before meeting was \$3,086.00. The equipment fund has \$1360 and the DXpedition fund \$70. The report was accepted upon due motion.

Committee reports followed.

K4FK Station: Pete reports that the station is working properly. We have 213 countries credited for DXCC. 167 on CW, 139 on phone and 3 on RTTY.

Repeater: Elliot, KB2TZ reports that the repeater is also working FB.

Irvin: The 2 meter net needs control stations and more reports.

Membership: Hope, WA3ANE has nothing new to report.

Announcements: The president reports talking to the hospital administration about Internet connections. We may be wired to the WiFi.

New Business: The High Frequency station has an Icom 756 Pro III but we need to replace the amplifier. The Board recommends buying an Ameritron AL-

82Q for about \$2,450. We have \$1360. Pete, N8PR, moves to transfer \$1100 from the general fund to the HF station fund. Bill, W2CQ, opposes. He argues that the station has very little use and that Club's funds should not be used for that purpose. Ray, N4RU says that about ten members use the station, and that some members do not use the repeater and we maintain it. Norm W4QN points out that the AL-82Q is not a new design and we should buy a used automatic amplifier. Jim, KG4VPC says that he has not used the station because it is not that good. If we have a better station other members will use it. Norm moves to table the motion to transfer funds to buy the amplifier, and find how much use is given to the station. After we make a comparison between amplifiers we can make a better decision. Norm's motion is lost. A vote was taken to vote on the original motion, with 12 votes and no votes against. On the motion to transfer the funds 10 vote yes, 6 no and 1 abstention.

New Business:

The president reports that there are several upcoming DXpedition that are looking for funds, like Sable Island, Samoa and South Orkeney. The Club has \$70 in the DXpedition fund. Steve, W4DTA proposes to donate to the VP8 (South Orkney) DXpedition. Bill, W2CQ moves to table until December. It's so approved.

Mark N2AU moves that at the beginning of every meeting we do the pled of allegiance. Being seconded and no opposition, the motion passes.

Bill, W2CQ wants to know if we have 4 keys to the radio room. He is concerned about who is using the station. Ed says we have 7 keys, Ray says that Ed, Pete, Elliot, Scot and Ray have keys. Bill expresses concern about the

safety of the equipment. Mark asks if we have insurance. Ed answers that we do not have insurance because it is too expensive. Norm volunteers to seek quotes. Bill suggests that we keep some log to know who gets in that radio room. Elliot suggest some sort of control. Norm suggests a lock box similar to the one used by Realtors.

Ed reports that there is no much activity on the 2 meter DX net. We have 3 alternatives: Get an NCS, shot down the net, or wait until the fall. WW4DQ volunteers to be the NCS.

Bill, W2CQ introduces the DX Hog Award presentation and its history. Dave, W4DN, current holder announces that the DX Hog award for 2009 goes to Ray, N4RU. Ray receives the award. Applause.

A motion to adjourn is presented an seconded, the meeting adjourns.

Respectfully submitted,

David Novoa, W4DN

South Florida DX Association

Membership meeting minutes 7 July 2010

Meeting was called to order by Ray Smolenski, N4RU, at 7:33PM 7 July 2010. President Ed Callaway, N4II, was absent with cause. W4DN was absent with cause. NZ5N was absent with cause.

The pledge of allegiance was followed by self introductions. Attendance was 15 with 3 guests. Guests K4RAY, KJ4VET, K2SHA.

Announcements:

1. There will be a Smith Chart training session Monday 9 August, 6-7:30 PM in the Lauderhill Town Center Library.
2. K4FK Club Station has the following DXCC status: 270/242/217 (worked/confirmed/LOTW confirmed)

Reading of the minutes of the last meeting May 2010 were accepted WW4DQ, 2nd W4DTA.

Treasurers Report: Bruce, W4OV, reported \$1871.85, DX fund is \$70.00. This balance included expenditures for the new club amplifier and 2 safety harnesses. Approved W4DTA, 2nd W3AZD.

High Frequency Station Report: K4FK

Rotor limit switch is bad, rotor needs an overhaul. N4RU reports that N4II observed that the 40M dipole works on 6M.

Membership-nil

DX Net on 147.33 continues weekly per WW4DQ Judy.

WEB Site: New web master is KE4DFO, Paul Gorday.

New Business: none

Program: started 7:49 PM ended 8:25 PM

"Dayton 2010- Hams Go Wild in The Flea Market" photo collage with photos from the ham collections of W4DTA, N4RU, W2CQ and W4QN.

Meeting adjourned 8:25 PM.

Minutes of the September 1, 2010 SFDXA Meeting

The proceedings we called to an order at 7:33 PM by president Ed N4II.

The pledge of alliance was our first item on the agenda.

All present members and visitors introduced themselves. Attendance was 20 including 4 guests.

The July minutes were read by the Secretary, and accepted upon motion properly seconded.

Bruce, W4OV, delivered the treasury report: total general fund before meeting was \$1878.05 The DXpedition fund is still \$70. The report was accepted upon due motion by Pete, N8PR.

Committee reports followed. Regarding Station K4FK, Pete, N8PR reports that the antenna rotor was fixed and is working properly. A laptop was donated by Bill, W2CQ. The station will soon have PSK and RTTY capabilities. Pete warns that we should not run more than 500 watts on RTTY. The station has 272 countries worked and 254 confirmed, mostly by Ed, N4II and Ray, N4RU.

Judy, WW4DQ reports that the 2 meter DX net is running OK. She welcome suggestions for the improvement of the net.

Membership: Hope, WA3ANE says that we has no new member applications.

Announcements: ^{Kai} ~~Kay~~, K44PT, reminded us that he had the scanner for antique or rare QSL cards available during the meeting.

Bill, W2CQ, reminds us that Jeff, WA4AW is running for Vice-Director of the ARRL S.E. Division, and that he is a friend of the Club. Sherri, W4STB, is running for Director.

Norm, W4QN, reports that he is pursuing the CQ Marathon Award and has 290 countries worked so far this year. Kai, ^{K44PT} ~~K44PT~~, reports that he worked over 150 countries in 60 days. Norm informs that he has a 3 element StepIR

yagi for sale for \$600.

Pete, N8PR, reports that he is planning to operate next year Filed Day from Vista View Park on the S.E. corner of I-75 and I-595.

At 7:51 PM business was closed.

Our program guest was Bill, N2WB, who gave an interesting presentation on the April 2010 DXpedition to Iraq as YI9PSE.

A motion to adjourn is presented and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted.

David Novoa, W4DN

SOUTH FLORIDA DX ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the November 3, 2010 Meeting

The proceedings we called to an order at 7:34 PM by Vice President Bill Dzurilla, NZ5N, in the absence of Ed, N4II, who was excused.

All present members and visitors introduced themselves. Attendance was 28, including 5 guests.

The pledge of alliance was our first item on the agenda.

The September meeting minutes were read by Bruce, W4OV, (as the secretary had a cold) and accepted upon motion by Pete, N8PR properly seconded by Kai Siwiank, KA4PT.

Bruce, W4OV, delivered the treasury report: As of November 1, 2010, the general fund was \$1920.11.

Committee reports followed. Regarding Station K4FK, Pete, N8PR reports that there is a problem with the amplifier.

Membership: Hope, WA3ANE reports no new member applications.

Station Trustee: No report, as the Trustee was not present.

Two-Meter Net: No report, NCS not present.

Announcements: It is reported that Ernest, WA4CCP became a silent key at the age of 94.

Saturday is the Boca Raton Amateur Radio Club hamfest.

The Board of Directors approved \$75 for the Spratly DXpedition.

Old Business: The issue of insurance to cover the station equipment was discussed. Pete, N8PR, moved to authorize the Board to spend up to \$200 to buy insurance. The motion was seconded by Ray, N4RU. Upon further discussion, Norm, ~~W4QN~~ suggested that a team of two members praise the equipment in the shack and obtain estimates. The team will be Pete, N8PR and a person of his choice. The results should be published for membership

information. Norm's motion was seconded and approved.

New Business: The Chair announced that the Board approved a recognition to outstanding members. The concept is a Hall of Fame. The 2010 recipients of the awards are:

Norm Alexander, W4QN

Pete Rimmel, N8PR

Bill Marx, W2CQ

Dr. Ed Dauer, WB4HNM

Tom Mannix, ~~WB~~^A4YLD (SK)

The plaques would be posted somewhere in the Hospital auditorium. (?)

2011 Officers and directors elections. The Board presented a slate of candidates, as follows:

President; None

VP: Bill Dzurilla, NZ5N

Secretary; Kai Siwiak, KE4PT

Treasurer: ~~Brice~~^u Phoegly, W4OV

Directors: Al, N3EA; Don, W3AZD; Jim, KG4VPC; and Ed, N4II (member Ex-Officio).

Bill, W2CQ, moves to keep the nominations open and to accept nominations from the floor. Norm, W4QN nominated Bill, W2CQ. After discussion, Norm withdrew his nomination for Bill, W2CQ, and instead nominated Bill, NZ5N for president, and Bill, W2CQ for Vice President. Norm, W4QN, nominated Steve, W4DTA for director. Upon due motion the nominations were closed. The ballots will be mailed to full members as amended.

Bill, W2CQ, moved to donate \$100.00 to the ARRL Spectrum Fund. The motion was duly seconded and approved without opposition.

Bill, W2CQ, moves to donate \$50.00 to QTH.COM, who hosts our webpage and reflector. The motion was seconded and approved without opposition.

Business were concluded at 8:13 PM.

A presentation on Contesting from the Bahamas by Kevin Bunin, K4PG followed the business.

A motion to adjourn is presented and seconded.

Respectfully submitted.

David Novoa, W4DN